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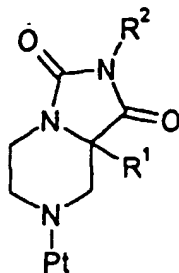
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(54) **Process and hydantoin intermediates for the synthesis of growth hormone secretagogues**

(57) This invention relates to a process for preparing compounds of the Formula



wherein R^1 , R^2 and Pt are as defined in the specification, which are intermediates in the synthesis of certain growth hormone secretagogue compounds. This invention further relates to processes for preparing the growth hormone secretagogues. The invention also relates to the compound of Formula I wherein R^1 is H, R^2 is 2,2,2-trifluoromethyl and Pt is Boc.

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